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SUBJ: PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MASSACRE OF CAMBODIAN MILITARY
PERSONNEL

CAMP PENDLETON FOR GENERAL GRAHAM

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE HEREBY TRANSMITTED VERBATIM
FOR YOUR USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH CAMBODIAN REPATRIATES.
NICK THORNE HAS BEEN BRIEFED UPON THE SOURCE OF THE REPORT-
S. RELIABILITY OF THE REPORTS, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN
ESTABLISHED.

2. THE REPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. EIGHTY-SEVEN CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES (FANK) OFFICERS AND
NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS WHO RETURNED FROM THAILAND TO
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CAMBODIA AT THE BORDER TOWN OF POIPET, BATTAMBANG PROVINCE,
ON 29 MAY 1975 WERE WARMLY RECEIVED BY KHMER COMMUNIST
(KC) OFFICIALS WHILE FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WERE WATCHING.
THEY WERE THEN LOADED ONTO TRUCKS AND TAKEN TO KILOMETER

FOUR OUTSIDE OF POIPET ON NATIONAL ROUTE FIVE, AND EXECUTED BY MACHINE GUN FIRE. VILLAGERS WHO OBSERVED THE EXECUTION BY THE KC WERE TOLD THAT THE EXECUTED PEOPLE WERE NO LONGER KHMER BUT IMPERIALISTS. KILOMETER FOUR ON NATIONAL ROUTE FIVE EAST OF POIPET MARKS THE FIRST AREA OF

OPEN FIELDS OUTSIDE THE BUILT UP AREA OF TOWN OF POIPET.

B. ON 2 JUNE 1975, 247 FANK PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN IN TRAINING AT UDORN AIR BASE IN THAILAND AND HAD RETURNED TO POIPET, WERE TAKEN NEAR THE VILLAGE OF BOENG PRING (TV 2877) AND EXECUTED. THE EXECUTIONS TOOK PLACE AT AN EXPERIMENTAL FARM WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN BUILT BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. A LARGE NUMBER OF FANK OFFICERS FROM MILITARY REGION III HAD ALSO BEEN EXECUTED AT THIS LOCATION. KISSINGER

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